

ORDINANCE NO. 14748

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 75 - 2009

INTRODUCED BY

OCTOBER 7, 2009

AN ORDINANCE

An Ordinance providing for the expenditure of certain monies received by the City of Allentown from funds authorized under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. This Program, the Community Development Block Grant-R (CDBG-R) Program, falls under the jurisdiction of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That the Mayor is authorized to expend Seven Hundred Thirty-seven Thousand Nine Hundred Seventeen (\$737,917) dollars in CDBG-R funds for activities pursuant to the approved Consolidated Plan , appropriate Federal Law and United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations.

SECTION TWO: That the Mayor is directed to establish and maintain any and all accounts and records as are necessary and to make such transfers as may be required to expend and account for said CDBG-R Funds in accordance with the approved Consolidated Plan, appropriate Federal law, and HUD regulations.

SECTION THREE: That, in accordance with the Action Plan, the Council of the City of Allentown authorizes the appropriation of Seven Hundred Thirty-seven Thousand Nine Hundred Seventeen (\$737,917) in the following manner:

CDBG-R PROGRAM

700-01-7511-0101	City of Allentown -ADA Curb Cuts.....	\$ 300,000
700-01-7511-0102	City of Allentown- Sacred Heart Neighborhood Public Improvements 200,000	
700-01-7511-0103	Hamilton Street Façade Grant Program.....	114,917
700-01-7511-0104	Allentown Rescue Mission-Workforce Development.....	40,000
700-01-7511-0105	Career Link of L.V.-Focus Area Job Placement Assistance.....	15,000
700-01-7511-0106	Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley - Fair Housing Study.....	25,000
700-01-7511-0107	City of Allentown-Study for a Green Collar Economy	18,000
700-01-7511-0108	City of Allentown-HPRP Administration	25,000
Total	\$737,917

SECTION FOUR: That this Ordinance will take effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION FIVE: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

	Yea	Nay
Michael Donovan	X	
Jeanette Eichenwald	X	
Julio A. Guridy	X	
David M. Howells, Sr.	X	
Tony Phillips	X	
Peter G. Schweyer	X	
Michael D'Amore, President	X	
TOTAL	7	0

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by
City Council and signed by His Honor the Mayor on the the
10th day of November, 2009.

CITY CLERK

- **What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?**

The bill is originating from The Department of Community and Economic Development. The initiative from the bill comes from the Community Development Block Grant-R grant the City is receiving from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

On February 17th, 2009, President Barack Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The purpose of ARRA is to

1. Preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery
2. Assist those most impacted by the recession
3. Provide investments needed to increase economic efficiency by spurring technological advances in science and health
4. Invest in transportation, environmental protection, and other infrastructure that will provide long term economic benefits and
5. Stabilize state and local government in order to minimize and avoid reductions in essential services and counterproductive state and local tax increases.

Resulting from ARRA, the City was awarded \$737,917 in federal stimulus money for community development initiatives pertinent to the goals stated above. This grant was the CDBG-R grant. Due to very strict time constraints, the administration met and proposed funding for projects which met the goals and objectives of the CDBG-R grant. Following HUD's requirements, the application was submitted to HUD and has since been approved. This bill will allow the accounts to be established to expend these grant funds.

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish**
 - **What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this**
 - **How does this Bill related to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities**

The purpose of this bill is to establish the appropriate accounts for the expenditure of the CDBG-R grant funds

This legislation is beneficial because it will allow the City to expend these entitlement grant funds according the the plan approved by HUD. These funds will be used for projects which can be started quickly and meet the goals of the CDBG-R program.

This bill, and this program, are consistent with the City's Consolidated Plan for the period July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2010, for the use of federal funds.

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
 - **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

There are no additional costs to the City associated with this grant. The administration dollars allowed by the grant will be used by the staff charged with administering the grant program. The benefits to the City are numerous, but primarily, these funds provide an opportunity to complete

some shovel ready projects which needed additional funding to bring to fruition, some planning projects which when complete will help leverage additional dollars, some job training public services and a necessary review of fair housing,

- **Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **If transferring funds, please make sure bill gives specific accounts; if appropriating funds from a grant list the agency awarding the grant.**

These federal funds are a part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) which President Barack Obama signed into law on February 17, 2009. They are awarded through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

This legislation has a high priority, HUD has executed our contracts and funds must be spent within three years.

- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**

This bill allows for grant expenditures for a program which provides the City a unique opportunity to complete some projects which needed additional funding and add dollars to community development activities.